

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 8, 9, and 10 have been cancelled, claim 2 has been amended. Thus, claims 2, 5, 6, and 7 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

At the top of page 3 of the Office Action mailed March 3, 2006, the Examiner kindly indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of this application, claim 1 has now been canceled, and claim 2 has been amended to incorporate therein all of the limitations of claim 1. Also, claims 8-10 have been cancelled, and claims 5-7 depend from the allowable claim 2.

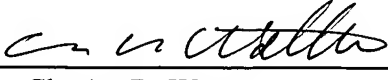
Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims are now clearly allowable in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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